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Survivors' Banquet March 17

(No membership meeting in March.)

NORWAY CENTER - 300 - 3d West, Seattle

6:30 - Altitude Hour . . . Dinner at 8

Your ticket entitles you to a complimentary drink. Bar will remain open until midnight for those who would rather convive than survive.

Members may bring guests. DEADLINE for purchasing tickets is March 10. Price: \$7 per person. You may mail self-addressed, stamped envelope and your check to:

PSMS Banquet
200 - 2nd No.
Seattle 98109

Ruby Chow's absolutely delicious mushroomful menu!

OUR SPEAKER...

ANGELO PELLEGRINI, connoisseur and writer on good food and wine and a lover of mushrooms, naturally, will entertain us. He is author of the chapter on mushroom cookery in the revised McKenny/Stuntz "Savory Wild Mushrooms", as well as of a half dozen books of his own. Dr. Pellegrini was born in Casabianca, Italy and came to this country when he was ten. He grew up in McCleary (good mushroom country), is Professor English at the University of Washington.

He spoke at our First Survivors' Banquet back in the days before we knew we could.

PLUS!!! EXTRA ADDED ATTRACTION !!!

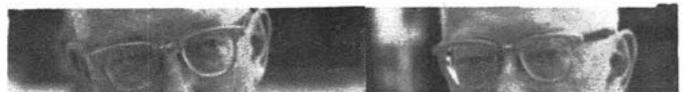
4 EXCITING NEW OFFICERS 4 !!! . . .

AND... !! 10 BEAUTIFUL NEW BOARD MEMBERS 10 !!!!

IN ADDITION !!! Ralph Nolan, M.C. (Merry Character)! Head Table Full of Merry Characters!!! Wit !!! Beauty !!! Mushroomery !!! Tomfoolery !!! Come !!!



"Survivors?? Really??"



"Yes!!

Really!!"





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C A L E N D A R

Everybody read this please. (See also Weekday Ramble, below.)

March 17	Friday	6:30	3th Annual Banquet
" 20	Monday	8:00	Board Meeting, Science Center Conference Room
" 24	Friday		COPY DEADLINE FOR APRIL SPORE PR. NEW BOARD MEMBERS, NOTE!!!!
April 10	Monday	6:45	Planning Committee in Conference Room
		3:00	Membership Meeting
" 17	Monday	8:00	Board Meeting

WEEKDAY RAMBLE ... Friday, March 10 ...

in Seward Park. A 3-mile ramble through virgin and mushroomy forests, led by park denizens Joe and Dina Chybinski. A no-expert do-it-yourself (share the knowledge) identification session after, over brownbag lunch (bring yours).

At Seward Park drive to the left uphill, take right fork and park at picnic area parking. Meet at covered cook-shack at 10 a.m.

membership meetings

Monday, April 10, 8pm, Eames Theater, Pacific Science Center. (There is NO meeting in March, only (only?) the Banquet.)

April 10 member meeting will feature THE NEW MORELITY, a panel discussion with slides of the darlings of them all: the Spring Morels. They are a harbinger of spring to most of us, along with the first robin and the first half of the real estate taxes.

BOARD NOTES

The Board gathered in tears to say goodbye. Whether they are rascals or not, they mostly get turned out because of the limitations on length of service.

Amid the sobs all routine reports were made and a little business was transacted, namely:

Membership will be asked to vote on small change in by-laws extending the period between closing of nominations from seven days to ten days to allow for contingencies of printing. This will be voted on at April meeting.

NOTES FROM "THE MYCOPHILE"

For sale: Two copies of the original "SOMA: Divine Mushroom of Immortality" by R. Gordon Wasson, only \$200.00. (Used book dealers asking nearly \$1,000 for a first edition.) Write George Coffin, 257 Trapelo Road, Waltham, Mass. 02154. (A paperback edition will become available in April for about \$7.50.)

FIELD TRIPS

by Martin Hansen

Members are requested to reverse the usual procedure and do a little Sun Dancing before the first trips. It's hard to find a nushroom in the snow (or mud).

April 8/9	Rockport State Park (near Concrete - take Burlington exit from freeway - park is 1 mile west of Rockport.
April 22:	Day trip, Lake Sammamish State Park
April 29/30:	Thunderbird Park
May 13/14:	Tumwater
May 20:	Day trip, Money Creek, Stevens Pass Rd.
May 27/28/29:	Entiat
June 10/11:	American River, Rimrock.

More details as the time draws nearer. Don't forget to watch for changes each month--the wather may not cooperate, sun dance or no sun dance.

State Parks charge for overnight camping--last year's minimum was \$1.75.



Dr. Pellegrini's photo courtesy The Seattle Times

THE MOREL COMMITTEE has been organized to collect and give some critical study to the genus Morchella. The whole project may embrace a period of over 5 years. The first phase of the effort will be to collect a quantity of specimens from as great a variety of areas and habitat as possible and get them into committee hands with the basic information required. The total effort of the Society is requested for this project.

Enclosed with this bulletin is a separate sheet containing information on how you can make your contribution. Please save it so you will know exactly what to do.

During the morel-picking season the PSMS Morel Committee will have certain morels staked out, and adequate signs posted for identification. These little fungi will have their pictures taken daily. You PSMSers pass up the temptation and let these little Ascomycetes grow up to become famous movie stars.

THE COMMON WRITER

"I rejoice to concur with the common reader, for by the common sense of readers..must be generally decided all claims." -- Dr. Sam. Johnson

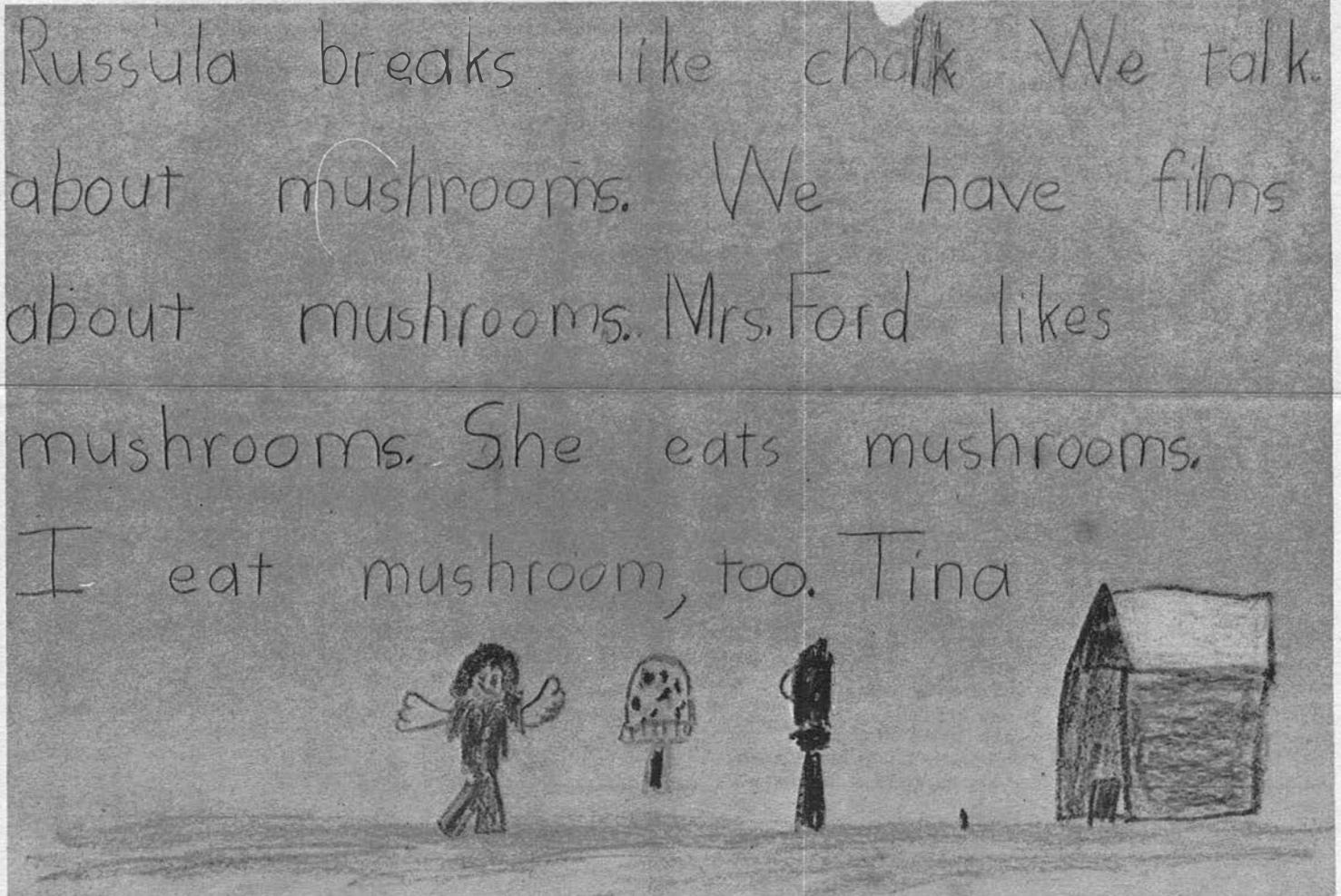
Have an objection of a rather serious nature to last month's editorial. Member avers I miscalled early high priests of the Society. That people of this rank are called High Muckity Mucks, not Mucky Mucks. Any challengers?

The Mushroom Toxins, an article by Donald M. Simons, Ph.D. appeared in the Delaware Medical Journal, Vol. 43, No. 7, July 197, page 177. Dr. Simons is a research chemist with the duPont Company, an amateur mycologist and a sometime mycophagist (it says here - I wonder what could have put him off). Goes on to say it is primarily the last activity that prompts his interest in mushroom toxins. Article runs to eleven pages supported by 57 references and half a dozen of those picky little drawings of chemical structure. This reprint was distributed by NAMA, for those of you who may be interested in the benefits of joining.

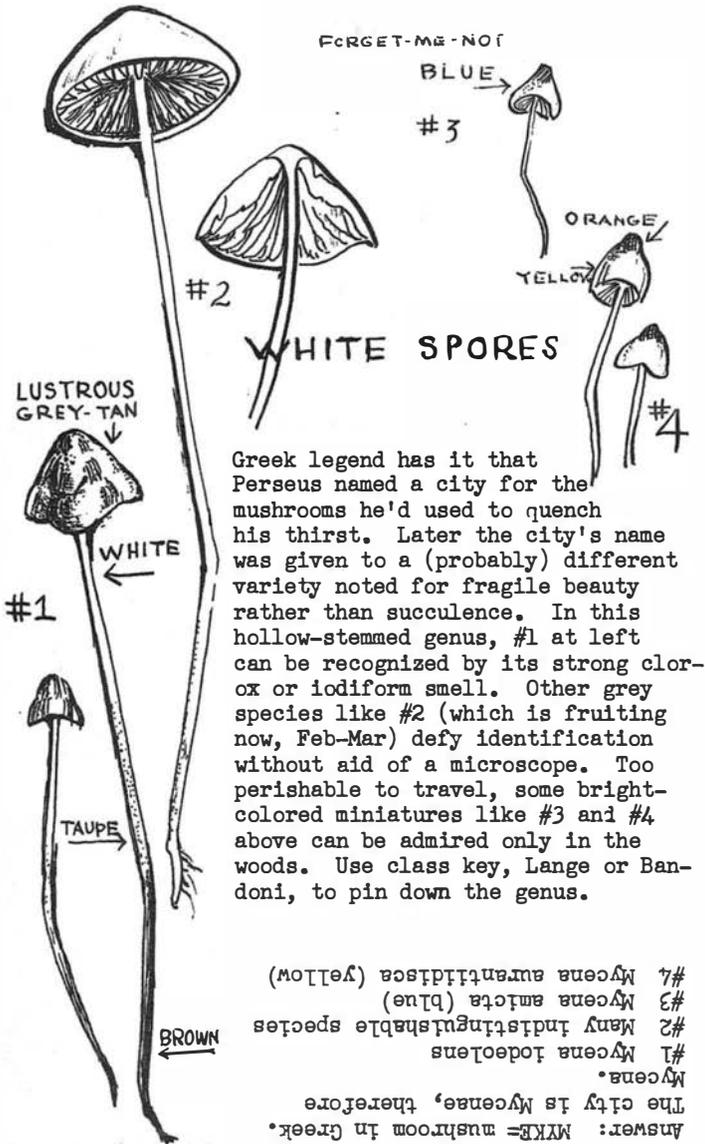
FUTURE FUNGUS FINDERS OF AMERICA (FFFA)

Mrs. Gloria Ford, PSMS member from Tumwater, has sent us a batch of creative scientific documents. They were hard to choose among because all were well done and interesting, so we picked one with our eyes closed to show you. Her note said, "Since

I teach 2nd grade and love children and mushrooms they just seem to get together each fall in our science classes. I love their stories and poems and just had to share them with other mushroom hunters." All the originals will be available for inspection at the April meeting, up front.



mystery mushroom



Greek legend has it that Perseus named a city for the mushrooms he'd used to quench his thirst. Later the city's name was given to a (probably) different variety noted for fragile beauty rather than succulence. In this hollow-stemmed genus, #1 at left can be recognized by its strong clove or iodiform smell. Other grey species like #2 (which is fruiting now, Feb-Mar) defy identification without aid of a microscope. Too perishable to travel, some bright-colored miniatures like #3 and #4 above can be admired only in the woods. Use class key, Lange or Bandoni, to pin down the genus.

Answer: MYKE = mushroom in Greek. The city is Mycenae, therefore Mycenae.
 #1 Mycenae lodeolens
 #2 Many indistinguishable species
 #3 Mycenae amicta (blue)
 #4 Mycenae aurantididica (yellow)

A LOT OF THINGS YOU MAY HAVE WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER...

We make an annual contribution to the Science Center because we are fortunate enough to have use of its facilities for meetings and our Exhibit. The reason we can do this is because we are one facet of a larger contribution the Center makes.

To achieve an enlightened and informed perspective on man, environment and technology is today's most important problem, and the basis for the Center's work.

Pacific Science Center is a non-profit, multi-purpose resource which operates chiefly in the field of science education. Each year more than 50,000

students take advantage of the unique and stimulating class visits. These visits involve motivational lessons, participation activities and special laboratory experiences. Annual attendance by the general public is now past the quarter-million mark.

Like everyone else the Science Center has felt the economic pinch of hard times. The Center is not supported by Federal funds. King County and City of Seattle provide important services. Most operating income is from gate admissions and school services, supplemented by memberships and gifts from local business and charitable organizations. Every dollar goes to keep Science Center exhibits, demonstrations and programs up to date and improving.

Many of you may be interested in a family membership in the Center - anybody (man, woman or child) who has ever played with the desk computers or the soapbubble shapes knows what fun it can be to spend the day just poking around and investigating.

Cybernetic Serendipity

WORDS OF WISDOM

Latin translations below are from A. Pilat's book available in Seattle Public Library. It gives you an alphabetical angle of attack. You may find discrepancies with the other list. Soon we'll have an article on the reasons for differences in Latin or Greek translation, Latin pronunciation confusion and the star-streaked world of taxonomy generally.

- abietinus - pertaining to the fir
- acutesquamosa - pointed scaled
- aeruginosa - verdigris-coloured
- albo-violaceus - white violet
- amesilthystina amethyst-coloured
- annosus - living for years
- applanatum - flattened
- argillacea - loam-coloured, yellowish white
- arvensis - growing in fields
- aurantia orange-coloured
- aurantiaca (um) - orange
- aurea - golden
- auricula-Judae - Jew's Ear
- auriscalpidum - ear-spoon
- badia - auburn
- betulina(us) - pertaining to the birch
- bolare(is) - brick-red
- bovinus - pertaining to the ox
- bovista - derived from the German popular name Pfofist
- caelatum - engraved
- campanulatus - bell-shaped
- campester(ris) - growing in the fields
- caninus - canine
- capnoides - resembling smoke, smokegrey
- chrysenderon - golden interior
- chrysorheus - flowing gold (milk)
- cibarius - edible
- cirrhata - curled
- claroflava - bright yellow
- clavipes - clubfoot
- coccineus - scarlet red
- coliforme - sieve-shaped
- columbeta - little dove
- comatus - tufted (and I always thought it meant edible, or comestible! -- CC)
- commune - common
- confragosa - rough, rugged